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Italy to use troops during election
Rome, May 9 (R)—The Italian government today decided to use troops to guard key institutions against guerrilla attacks, Minister Attilio Ruffini announced. The decision was made after a meeting of the interministerial committee for public order chaired by Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti. Proposals to use the armed forces to help protect key personalities and during the election campaign followed last week's bomb attack on the Rome office of the ruling Democratic Party. One policeman was shot dead and critically wounded in the attack, which was carried out in the Red Brigades, Italy's most feared urban guerrilla group.

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Sharaf meets U.S. congressmen
WASHINGTON, May 9 (JNA)—Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf met in Washington last night with members of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee for an exchange of views on the Middle East question and the bases of establishing a just and comprehensive peace in the area. He also discussed with the members, Jordanian-U.S. relations in the presence of the Jordanian ambassador in Washington, Mr. Abdullah Salah. Earlier today, Sharif Abdul Hamid met with journalists and TV correspondents to brief them on the latest Middle East developments and explain Jordan's keenness and that of the Arab states to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Sharif Abdul Hamid was scheduled to meet tonight with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for a working dinner.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

S., USSR conclude ALT II agreement

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R)—The United States and the Soviet Union today announced basic agreement on a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) and said it would be signed at a summit between presidents Carter and Leonid Brezhnev.

The treaty, known as SALT II, is the most important step in the process of reducing the nuclear arms race, which the two superpowers have been trying to improve since the 1972 SALT I agreement. The treaty, known as SALT II, is the most important step in the process of reducing the nuclear arms race, which the two superpowers have been trying to improve since the 1972 SALT I agreement. The treaty, known as SALT II, is the most important step in the process of reducing the nuclear arms race, which the two superpowers have been trying to improve since the 1972 SALT I agreement.

Egypt, Israel differences on autonomy underlined

CAIRO, May 9 (AP)—A high-ranking Egyptian diplomat says the return of East Jerusalem to Arab rule will figure prominently in forthcoming negotiations with Israel and the United States over Palestinian autonomy. Dr. Butros Ghali, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said in an interview with the Akher Saa weekly magazine published here today that the negotiations which are to start on May 24 also aim at "transferring authority as a whole to the Palestinians" after the five-year interim period.

Syria, Kuwait, Qatar attack Israel, Egypt at Manila meet

MANILA, May 9 (R)—Syria today accused Israel of disrupting economic development in the Middle East and North Africa by posing a permanent threat of military aggression. Syria's director of international organizations, Mr. Mustapha Al Bitar, appealed to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for support to achieve "peace and progress" in the area.

19 killed, 38 wounded in El Salvador violence

SAN SALVADOR, May 9 (AP)—Leftist gunmen who have held San Salvador's Roman Catholic cathedral since last Friday fought a gunbattle with security forces in front of the church last night. Initial Red Cross reports today said at least 19 people were killed and at least 38 were wounded. Some eyewitnesses reported a higher toll.

Kreps hopeful Sino-American trade pacts to be signed soon

PEKING, May 9 (AP)—U.S. Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps said today she still hopes to initial a Sino-American trade agreement before she leaves China and to sign the long-awaited claims-assets settlement. The secretary also announced that formal negotiations on a Sino-American civil aviation agreement would begin as soon as possible. She said the current maritime negotiations began well and a negotiator was prepared to continue after she leaves.

King Khaled to visit Morocco

RIYADH, May 9 (R)—King Khaled of Saudi Arabia will pay a state visit to Morocco this month, a palace statement today said. The statement, broadcast by the official Saudi Press Agency, said the visit from May 19 to 23 was at the invitation of King Hassan of Morocco.

Jordan suspends bilateral trade pact with Egypt

AMMAN, May 9 (AP)—Jordan has suspended its bilateral trade agreement with Egypt and the preferential treatment accorded to Egyptian goods under the Arab Common Market.

Egypt's membership in the Common Market has been suspended and the other three member countries—Syria, Iraq and the Libyan Jamahiriyah—are expected to take similar measures. Finance Minister Mohammed Debbas yesterday told all customs posts in the country that all Egyptian goods were now subject to normal customs duties.

Under the Common Market agreement, goods imported by a member state from another country party to the agreement received preferential treatment which was reflected in a high percentage reduction in the customs duties.

The Jordanian measure is believed to be in retaliation for the signing by Egypt of a peace treaty with Israel. On Monday a defence order banned all Egyptian newspapers from entering Jordan and stopped the import of films produced by the Egyptian public sector or by any company of the private sector which may have dealings with Israel.

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down was the biggest since more than 20,000 Israeli troops occupied a large area of the volatile southern Lebanon in March, 1978. It followed three days of Israeli air strikes against Lebanese targets.

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Agronomist proposes scheme to make Syria's arid land fertile

at McDonnell
the Jordan Times

JS, May 9 — An agronomist from the University of Göttingen, West Germany, is proposing a scheme for making arid lands fertile. The scheme would be to plant small areas of clover or other legumes along the borders of the arid lands. The clover would be used as fodder for livestock, and the soil would be enriched by the clover's roots. The scheme would be a pilot project for at least four years, after which it would be decided whether to proceed with the scheme on a larger scale.

small areas need to be planted in the experimental stages. The South Australians have suggested a similar project in which clover (or medicago) is planted annually with wheat crops. Ms. Grecu's theory differs in that she recommends that the clover be used as fodder for livestock, and the soil would be enriched by the clover's roots. The scheme would be a pilot project for at least four years, after which it would be decided whether to proceed with the scheme on a larger scale.

Ms. Grecu asks. Ms. Grecu reasons that much of the deterioration occurred in the 20th century. "One of the worst things one can do to soil is to leave it fallow, yet for more than two decades, this happened when the French prohibited Syrians to farm the choice lands along the Euphrates. French-controlled or owned lands were permitted to be cultivated, others were not," she said. She substantiated this claim by citing the book, "Cotton and Monoculture: Its Role in Syrian Economy," by Bou Ali Yassin, 1974. Beirut.

lion hectares in Syria, only seven million hectares—or 38 per cent of the land—is cultivatable. "I maintain that areas on the Euphrates lay fallow because of politics, not climate. The French forbade Syrian farmers to cultivate much of the land through-out the Maodate because if the farmers were self-sufficient, they would not need to work on French plantations." Another traditional attitude about semi-arid land is that the only solution is drainage. "Drainage in itself is a good thing," she said, "but in soil of poor structure, drainage doesn't work well. The defeatist attitude that the soil is either not worth reclamation or that if drainage doesn't work, it's hopeless, is not being accepted. I'm happy to see, by Syrians at GADEB (General Authority for Development of the Euphrates Basin), The Syrians are aware of the disadvantages of monoculture and the necessity to supply soil with organic matter to increase fertility."



Agronomist Ms. Natasha Grecu who recommends planting meadow grasses in desalinated Syria's arid soils.

foundation stone, the salts slowly rise to the earth's surface. In ancient times farmers tried to halt this process by leaching. That is, they poured water into the soil to push the salts below the root level of plants. This is costly. When you irrigate, you want the water to go to the plants, not for 70 per cent of it to be wasted in keeping the salts below root level."

in the following spring new grass and organic refuse eventually create an amorphous organic material that enriches the soil. Ms. Grecu said that clover and grasses absorb nitrogen from the air and release it into the soil from their roots. She notes that legumes also trap nitrogen. "The roots of legumes break the deeper layers of the soil, when the roots decay, they release calcium that, when mixed with the grass residue, forms a cement — a very basic way to construct fertile soil."

How then, does she propose to give a fertile structure to infertile soils in Syria? "The idea isn't mine," she replied. "I found it in the 1938 reports of a Soviet soil expert, Viljams, who had great success in building organic stores into infertile lands of the Soviet deserts. Evidently, he fell into disfavor because his reports were last reprinted in 1958."

Ms. Grecu says that Viljams was working in very dry areas receiving less than 300 mm. of precipitation a year. "After six or seven years of implementing the dry soil with meadow grasses, it accepted water penetration and yielded seven tons of wheat per hectare. The average yield in West Germany is four tons per hectare."

"Basically, Viljams said if you plant perennial pasture grasses for three or four years—and if you do not use the grasses as fodder but let them return to the soil—you can create fertile structures in infertile soil. "Annual plants, such as wheat, don't allow the soil to build up organic granules because they die in summer and only the roots and straw remain to decay to minerals. "Perennial grasses are different: the root mass dies in late autumn and breaks down into simple organic compounds. The roots keep buds in the soil so that

they had a storage capacity. After growing wheat for six years on rotation basis with fertilisers, he went back to one year of planting pasture grasses. Smiling broadly, Ms. Grecu qualified her statements: "I'm not trying to transform the Euphrates region into a meadow, I realise farmers must get a return from their lands and that people must be fed, but why not try to plant clover in certain areas?"

"Why not experiment? The original outlay of water might be large, but after the first year, the material in the soil would hold and store the water at an increasing rate. "Similar results can be achieved with manure, but it would entail huge quantities. Syrian farmers are also practicing 'green fertilising' in that they plough 'ful' (legumes) under the soil in the spring. They might increase nitrogen, but the organic content of the soil isn't increased because the 'ful' is mineralised in the summer. If they ploughed the 'ful' under in the autumn, they would get better results."

If Ms. Grecu has her way, she will present her published master's thesis to the Syrian government next year and hopefully participate in its implementation.

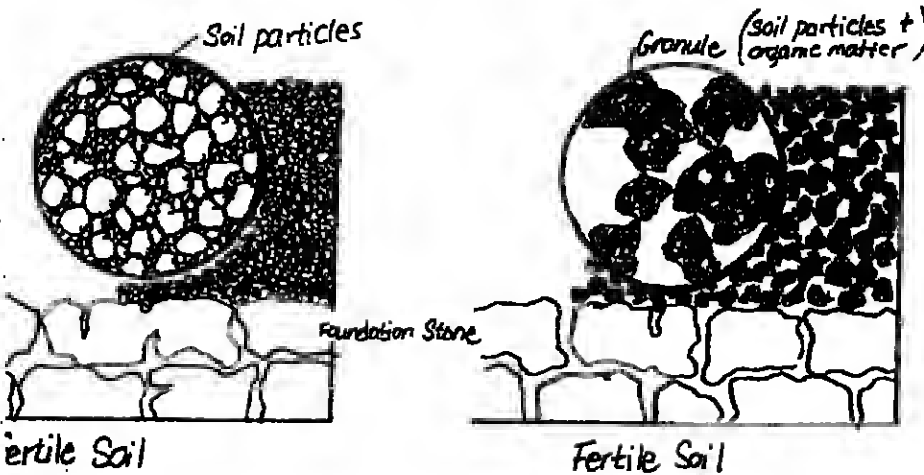


Diagram showing the increase in water absorption that takes place when soil has organic material added to it.

am by agronomist Ms. Natasha Grecu showing the increase in water absorption that takes place when soil has organic material added to it.

National News

Cabinet approves ratification of Islamic cooperation agreement

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) — The cabinet today gave its approval for the exchange of instruments of ratification for an agreement reached at the 1977 Islamic Conference in Saudi Arabia on trade, cultural and technical cooperation among Islamic nations. The cabinet authorised Jordan's ambassador in Jeddah to carry out the exchange of instruments.

Governor of Arab Jerusalem meets premier

AMMAN, May 9 (J.T.) — The governor of Arab Jerusalem Mr. Anwar Khatib called on Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday to discuss a number of issues concerning citizens of Arab Jerusalem and other areas of the occupied West Bank. According to the daily Al Dustour, Mr. Khatib was scheduled to return to Jerusalem today.

Cabinet forms financial delegation

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) — The cabinet today formed a financial delegation headed by Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas to go to Kuwait for talks on increasing Jordanian-Kuwaiti economic cooperation, joint ventures and the employment of Kuwaiti public and private investments in Jordanian projects. Mr. Dabbas is to be accompanied by a high-level nine-member delegation representing leading economic institutions in Jordan.

W. German Development Bank team tours Aqaba projects

AQABA, May 9 (JNA) — A visiting team from the West German Development Bank today toured a number of Jordanian projects financed by the bank in the Aqaba region. The projects include those undertaken by the Aqaba Railway and Aqaba Harbour corporations and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company. The team, which arrived in Jordan on May 2, has also met with Minister of Transport Ali Suhaimat to discuss progress of work on these projects.

Tourism minister receives Austrian journalists

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA) — Minister of Tourism Ghaleb Barakat briefed a visiting team of Austrian journalists today on Jordanian development projects in general and tourism plans in particular. The team is currently visiting Jordanian archaeological and tourist sites at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism with the purpose of encouraging Austrian newspapers and magazines to write about tourist attractions in Jordan.



Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat receives a delegation of Austrian journalists on Wednesday.

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COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
oleum Co.	JD 5,000	629	6,690	6,700	6,690
ment Factories	JD 10,000	224	2,200	2,240	2,240
osphate Mines	JD 1,000	604	14,400	14,400	14,400
naceutical Co.	JD 5,000	2,300	—	—	2,300
nk	JD 1,000	291	1,160	1,200	1,160
f Bank	JD 1,000	1,836	1,010	1,020	1,020
a Development and Co.	JD 1,000	1,686	2,630	2,680	2,630
ricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,743	1,400	1,440	1,420
mic Industries	JD 1,000	87	0,860	0,880	0,870
s Factories	JD 1,000	670	0,660	0,670	0,670
inium Co.	JD 1,000	415	0,891	0,900	0,890
e and Silicate Brick Co.	JD 5,000	108	4,340	4,390	4,340
ment Bank	JD 1,000	1,070	1,060	1,070	1,070
ernational Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	638	0,680	0,710	0,690

se traded, Wednesday, May 9: JD 12,301
er of shares traded: 7,768

Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
Development Bonds	JD 5,000	1,005	200	1983	5,025
Development Bonds	JD 5,000	1,014	200	1986	5,070

se traded: JD 2,019
er of bonds traded: 400

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	304.00/306.00
U.K. sterling	629.00/633.00
West German mark	160.30/161.30
Swiss franc	177.50/178.60
French franc	69.50/69.90
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	142.10/143.00
Dutch guilder	147.50/148.40

TODAY'S WEATHER

Temperatures will be slightly higher than normal and winds will be northwesterly light to moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas will be calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	15	30
Aqaba	21	37
Deserts	15	33
Jordan Valley	17	35

VACANCY NO. 48/79

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Refugees requires:
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WORRIES OVER BREZHNEV (Soviet Leader's health could cloud negotiations).
JAPAN TRADE (Ohira promises Carter to try to narrow U.S. trade gap).
IRAN FOREIGN MINISTER (says U.S. must change its relations with Tehran).
AFGHAN REBELLION (another possible revolution with Islamic overtones).
U.S. MOTORISTS (feeling the pinch at the gas pump).
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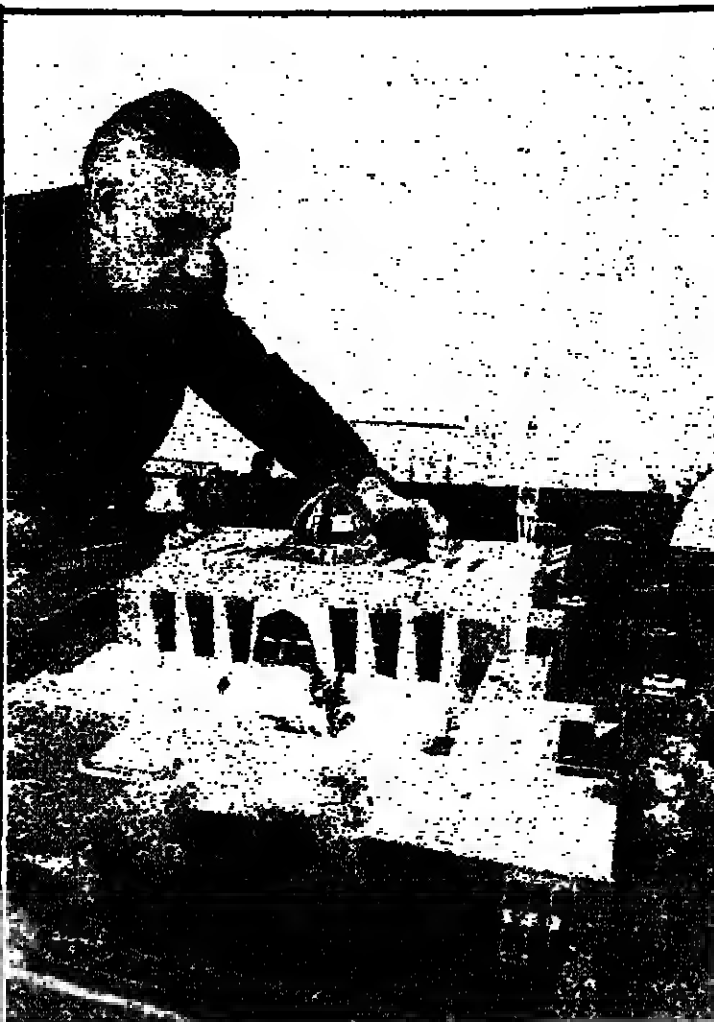
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New mosque for Glasgow

GLASGOW—A new mosque with traditional dome and minaret is to be built for the Muslim community in Glasgow, Scotland, and will be part of the new city plan. Designed by architect W.M. Copeland (pictured with model), the mosque will stand on a splendid riverside site adjacent to civic buildings, the law courts, the nautical college and leisure centre. The L-shaped building will provide a main prayer hall for 1400 worshippers, a women's hall, a large community hall, meeting rooms, facilities for light refreshments and a classroom and library for religious studies. The mosque will provide a real centre of community life as well as worship for Muslims not only in Glasgow but throughout Scotland. (COI photo)

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Intercontinental Basketball Cup

MULHOUSE, France, May 9 (R) — France, conquerors of the United States last Saturday, won their second match of the Intercontinental Basketball Cup here last night, beating Argentina 103-87. Cheered on by a crowd of 3,200, France took a 7-2 lead in the first two minutes thanks to excellent play by Apollo Faye. Despite valiant opposition from the South Americans—who were not fielding their first team, at home preparing for the Panamerican games—the French defence held firm thanks to tight man-to-man marking. France led by 10 points at half-time, but minutes after the break the Argentines closed the gap to 48-46. But thanks to spectacular play by Faye, Jacques Cachemire and above all Dubuisson, France surged ahead again to win a clear victory.

Red Star to meet Borussia in UEFA Cup

BELGRADE, May 9 (R) — Red Star Belgrade expect to beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in their UEFA (European Football Union) Cup final first leg match here today, despite the memory of a humiliating experience against the West German club in the European Cup two years ago. "Everything is excellent. All my players are in top form and the atmosphere is optimistic—we all expect to win," Red Star coach Branko Stankovic said. In 1977, Red Star were swamped by Borussia, 3-0 at home and 5-1 away. Stankovic expects Borussia to play defensively today while attempting swift and dangerous counter-attacks through their fast wingers Simonsen and Lienen. "I think it will be more difficult for us here than in the return match. Against defensive tactics you have to be careful not to throw everything into attack, and alert at the same time for possible counter-attacks," he said. The Belgrade team's optimism is boosted by their triumphs over England's Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion and West Germany's

Hertha Berlin in the three previous rounds of the competition. "The most important thing is that we prevent Borussia from scoring in Belgrade. If we manage that I would be satisfied with a minimum victory," Stankovic said. He added that he had warned his players that Borussia had not lost a single match away or at home in this year's UEFA Cup. "That does not mean we will change our tactics for Borussia. Red Star will play the same game as in all previous matches. There will be no special tasks to stop Simonsen or anybody else," Stankovic said. The match, the first UEFA Cup final in Yugoslavia, has attracted enormous interest.

Red Star officials expect more than 100,000 supporters at the stadium, the biggest in Yugoslavia. Borussia, faced with relegation worries at home, will be without two of their first team regulars, the injured Calle Def haye and Hans Klinkhammer. But they have ace defender Berti Vogts back—he returned to the team last month after being sidelined since last August by a broken leg—and the diminutive Dane Simonsen could prove a trump card in attack. The Cup would be a fine farewell present for Simonsen, Europe's 1977 Footballer of the Year, who joins Spanish club Barcelona next season, and for manager Udo Lattek, who also departs next season. He takes over at nearby Dortmund.

Hertha Berlin's trainer Kuno Klotzer, whose squad went out to Red Star in the semi-finals, has predicted that the Belgrade club will win the Cup. "Borussia has no chance against these Yugoslavs," he said. But Lattek retorted: "Klotzer should know to what heights Borussia can raise themselves." He added: "We must score a goal in Belgrade. It would be terribly important for the return game."

European Amateur Boxing Championships

COLOGNE, West Germany, May 9 (R) — The four Soviet boxers competing on the fourth day of the European Amateur Boxing

Championships in Cologne last night all qualified for the semi-finals. On the first day of the quarter-final contests, the Soviet winners were flyweight Alexander Dugarov, featherweight Yuri Rybakov, light-heavyweight Albert Nikov and light-heavyweight Shamil Sahykov. Four Bulgarian boxers were defeated, including European junior champion Peter Stomenov, who lost a 5-4 decision to West German super-heavyweight Peter Hanning. Other West German winners were Rene Weller who beat Yugoslav Konecny of Czechoslovakia 5-0 in the light-weight division, and Greek-born Georg Vlachos who beat Belgian Mark Remant 5-0 in the bantam-weight. East Germany got three boxers through to the semi-finals.

Women's World Basketball Championships

SEOUL, May 9 (AP) — Front-running Canada takes on Japan and Italy meets France today as the seven-nation final round of the eighth World Basketball Championships for Women begins the halfway point. The seven finalists, also including the United States, Australia and South Korea, rested yesterday. The unbeaten Canadian girls, with three victories so far, are certain to dispose easily of the shorter Japanese, who have a victory against two losses. Italy and France are both winless, each with three losses, but the Italians are slightly favoured. The United States, silver medalist in the 1976 Montreal Olympics, and Australia, each with two victories and one loss, are in third place in the standings after Korea's 3-1 record. The sole Korean semi-final was to Canada. The defending champion Soviet Union and the other communist countries, which have no diplomatic relations with South Korea, boycotted the Seoul meet.

New Alfa-Romeo entry to race in Belgium

MILAN, Italy, May 9 (AP) — The brand-new Alfa Romeo Formula-One racer will be in Sunday's Grand Prix of Belgium, the sixth event of the World Championship, officials of Alfa racing stable announced yesterday. The Alfa Romeo model, engine and body assembled by the Italian auto maker, will be driven by Italian Bruno Giacomelli. Alfa Romeo, which also supplies engines to the Brabham team, had been long in doubt whether to enter a new racer in Belgium. Company officials said a final decision was made on the basis of competitive times clocked by Giacomelli in a series of test runs at Zolder, Holland last week.

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JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

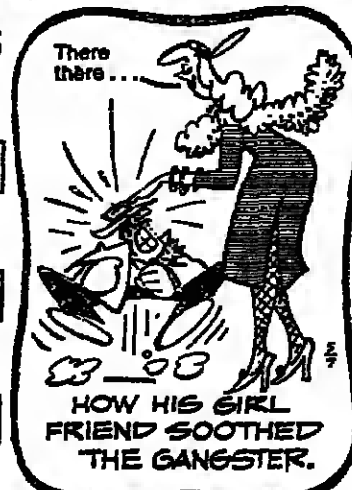
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Answer: SHE "OOOO" HIM

(yesterday's answers not received)

THE Daily Crossword

by Jordan S. Lasher

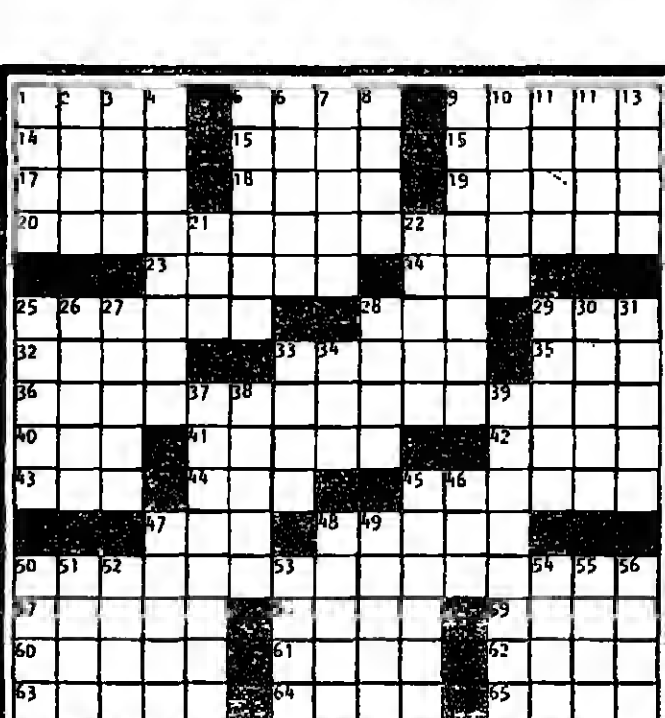
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53 Bite of
54 Verdi
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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3 Seed cover
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Peanuts



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Mutt 'n' Jeff



Flintstones



THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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CHANNEL 3

5:30 Quran
5:45 Cartoons
6:00 French Language
6:15 Sitcom
6:30 Dick Turpin
6:45 Arabic competition programme
6:50 News in Arabic
7:00 Religious programme
7:15 Arabic series
7:30 Movie of the Week
7:45 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:30 French programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
7:45 Sports magazine
8:30 Comedy
9:10 Jude the Obscure
10:00 News in English
10:15 Movie of the Week

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning show
8:00 News Headlines
8:30 Happy Journey
11:00 Sign off
12:00 Sign on and News headlines
12:05 Radio Joke
13:00 News Summary
13:05 Radio Joke

14:00 News bulletin
14:10 Arabic
14:30 Special feature
15:00 Concert Hour
16:30 Easy Listening
16:30 Old Favorites
17:00 Arabian nights
17:30 Radio Joke
18:00 News summary
18:05 News bulletin
19:00 News Reports
19:30 Sign off

BBC RADIO

GMT

04:00 Newstalk
04:30 Star Trek
04:45 Financial News: Reflections
05:00 News: 24 Hours
05:30 Classical Record Review
05:45 World Today
06:00 Newstalk
06:30 Baker's Half Dome
07:00 News: 24 Hours
07:30 Operate
07:45 Network U.K.
08:00 News: Reflections
08:30 News: Press Review
09:30 Financial News
09:40 Look Ahead
09:45 Trial for Murder
10:15 Star Trek
10:30 My Music
11:00 News: News about Britain
11:15 People and Place
11:30 Business Matters
12:00 Radio Newstalk
12:15 Top Twenty
12:45 Sports Round-up
13:00 News: 24 hours

13:30 Network U.K.
13:45 The Pleasure's Yours
14:30 Man of Plant
15:00 Radio Newstalk
15:15 Outlook
16:00 News: Commentary
16:15 Lotus Doctor
16:45 World Today
17:00 News: Play Choice
17:15 John Peel
17:45 Sports Round-up
18:00 News: News about Britain
18:15 Radio Newstalk
18:30 News of Britain
19:00 Outlook: News Summary
19:30 Stock Market
19:45 Classical Record Review
20:00 News: 24 Hours
20:30 A Jolly Good Show
21:15 Ulster Newstalk
21:30 The Morning
21:45 People and Place
22:00 News: World Today
22:30 Financial News
22:45 Book choice: Reflections
23:45 Sports Round-up
24:00 News: Commentary

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03:00 The Breakfast Show:
06:30 News, pop music, features, forecasts, questions.
17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analysis.
17:30 Debate
18:00 Special English: news, features, background, comments, analysis.
18:30 Now Music USA

19:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analysis.
19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters.
20:00 Special English: news reports, opinion, analysis.
20:15 Minute USA (Data)
21:00 VOA World Report
22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background, features, analysis.

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8:25 Kuwait, Doha (RJGF)
8:30 Abu Dhabi, Xin Ai Khams (RJGF)
9:45 Kuwait
9:50 Baghdad
10:15 Beirut
10:30 Rawalpindi (BA)
11:30 London (BA)
12:00 London, Vienna
12:30 Athens, Madrid
13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:00 Paris
13:45 Riyadh, Dhahran (SDI)
15:00 Agaba
20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJGF)
21:00 Jeddah
22:00 Kuwait, Dhahran

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6:30 Damascus
8:00 Beirut
8:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:55 Cairo (EA)
9:30 Rome
10:30 Cairo
11:00 New York
11:30 London (BA)
12:00 London, Vienna
12:30 Athens, Madrid
13:00 Kuwait (KAC)
13:00 Paris
13:45 Riyadh, Dhahran (SDI)
15:00 Agaba
20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJGF)
21:00 Jeddah
22:00 Kuwait, Dhahran

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According to Reuter survey World oil shortage has had 'very limited effect' on W. Europe

LONDON, May 9 (R)—About half the governments in Western Europe are trying in various, mainly voluntary, ways to get their people to cut down on energy consumption. But the world oil shortage now causing long queues at California petrol stations has had very limited and uneven effect in Western Europe, a Reuter survey has shown.

West Germany, Britain and Switzerland expect no problems over oil supplies this year. "It can't happen here," a government official said in Bonn.

Mr. Martin Gruener, secretary of state in the West German Economics Ministry, told a radio interviewer that the fall in America's crude oil stocks was

Nepal releases ex-premier from detention

KATMANDU, May 9 (R) — Former premier B.P. Koirala and other leaders of his banned Nepalese Congress Party were released from detention late last night after being detained on accusations of organising violent incidents.

Most shops in central Katmandu were closed following a resurgence of student unrest. Small groups of shouting students marched around the capital again this morning.

Mr. Koirala said: "A small student movement was blown into a major national crisis because of the ineptitude of the government which is not responsive to the aspirations and will of the people."

He said he still hoped for national reconciliation with various political groupings uniting behind King Birendra for a democratic and strong Nepal.

caused by the low price of petrol there, which made the U.S. an unattractive market for oil suppliers.

West Germany, he said, pays the full market price for oil and will run short only if there is a big drop in world production. The Bonn government has printed a stock of petrol ration cards just in case.

Britain and Norway, with oil wells in the North Sea, are the most comfortably placed of European countries, and officials in Bern believe Switzerland will be able to buy all the oil it needs this year.

Yugoslavia, however, has introduced a version of California's petrol rationing system. New speed limits have been imposed, and trucks and buses are not allowed on trips longer than 200 kilometres. Belgrade's economy measures, however, are not directly linked to the disruption of oil production in Iran that resulted from the revolution which overthrew the Shah.

Yugoslavia imports about ten million tonnes of crude oil a year, mainly from Libya, Iraq and the Soviet Union.

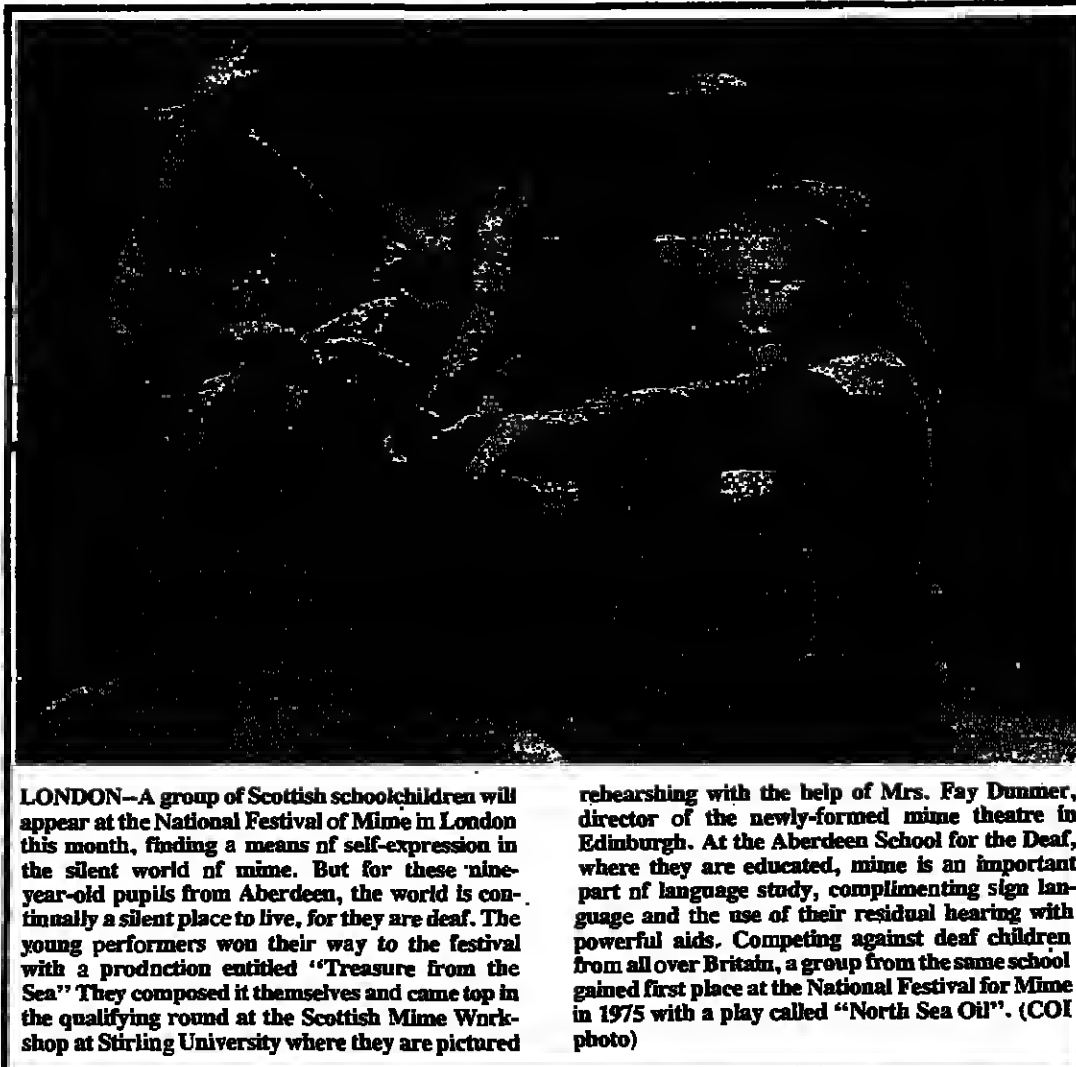
In Belgium, which got 22 per cent of its oil from Iran last year, oil stocks are now at least five per cent below normal. Fuel oil is rationed, lighting reduced in buildings and on advertisements, and existing speed limits on the roads are more strictly enforced.

Italy, which bought 14 million tonnes of oil from Iran last year, is now getting almost none there, and may run seriously short this year, according to Mr. Giuseppe Ammassari, director for energy at the Industry Ministry in Rome.

The ministry has drawn up a package of measures, including lower speed limits and shorter opening hours in shops. But no government action is likely before next month's general election.

Another country facing possible trouble is Sweden, which got ten per cent less oil last winter than it expected and by February was dipping into its late spring reserves.

The government is calling for a voluntary cut in energy use of seven per cent, and there have been warnings that homes and offices may have to be chillier next winter to save fuel.



LONDON—A group of Scottish schoolchildren will appear at the National Festival of Mime in London this month, finding a means of self-expression in the silent world of mime. But for these nine-year-old pupils from Aberdeen, the world is continually a silent place to live, for they are deaf. The young performers won their way to the festival with a production entitled "Treasure from the Sea". They composed it themselves and came top in the qualifying round at the Scottish Mime Workshop at Stirling University where they are pictured rehearsing with the help of Mrs. Fay Dunmer, director of the newly-formed mime theatre in Edinburgh. At the Aberdeen School for the Deaf, where they are educated, mime is an important part of language study, complementing sign language and the use of their residual hearing with powerful aids. Competing against deaf children from all over Britain, a group from the same school gained first place at the National Festival for Mime in 1975 with a play called "North Sea Oil". (COI photo)

On last day prior to introduction of state-wide rationing

California motorists stampede for petrol

LOS ANGELES, May 9 (R) — Car-crazy Californians jumped queues and resorted to violence yesterday prior to the midnight deadline for the introduction of petrol rationing.

The state with 16 million vehicles for 22 million people has been worst hit by an oil shortage which has led President Carter to seek emergency petrol rationing

powers from Congress.

Without waiting for Mr. Carter's plan, California Governor Jerry Brown approved a state rationing scheme.

But many motorists showed themselves prepared to use force to get their tanks filled before it took effect at midnight. Police and other officials reported ugly scenes in queues of ill-tempered

motorists.

A driver in Hollywood held off an angry crowd at gunpoint as he pumped fuel into his tank after pulling in front of 50 cars.

Many filling station attendants armed themselves with clubs or guns. Several knifings were reported and three were constant scuffles and crashes as some motorists who tried to sneak ahead were rammed by other drivers.

Throughout California, petrol cans and lockable fuel tanks caps were in short supply. In San Diego, hospitals reported treating about 40 people for the effects of swallowing fuel while trying to siphon it from tanks.

In Santa Ana, a family of seven were badly burned when fuel stored in their garage exploded.

After a week of petrol shortages, Californians were either "coping with the crisis or going crazy," one police officer said.

Under Governor Brown's scheme, cars with number plates ending in odd numbers can only be served on odd-dated days and cars with even number on even days.

Mr. Carter's plan, which has been modified three times to meet objections from the Senate Energy Committee, favours rural states where drivers travel long distances.

The committee finally approved the stand-by plan on a 9-7 vote yesterday and Committee Chairman Henry Jackson predicted the full Senate would also now approve it.

Under the terms submitted to Congress, the bill will die unless both the Senate and House of Representatives pass it by Friday.

In a last effort to win support for the rationing plan, the White House said crude oil reserves now totalled 319 million barrels, dangerously close to the 310 million barrel level considered the nation's minimum safe supply.

Mrs. Gandhi could be tried soon under new legislation

NEW DELHI, May 9 (R)—India's lower house of parliament yesterday approved a bill setting up special courts to try ex-premier Indira Gandhi and others for alleged offences during her 21-month emergency rule.

In passing the bill, the Lok Sabha agreed to amendments proposed by the upper house (Rajya Sabha), including one that judges be nominated by the chief justice.

The bill now goes to President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy for his signature, and Home Ministry officials said the courts should be in operation within a few weeks.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Finance Satish Agarwal told the upper house that the Central Bureau of Investigation had been ordered to probe allegations that an Italian company arranged for a \$100,000 gift to Mrs. Gandhi while she was in power.

But the deal, supposed to have been completed before the 1977 general election in which Mrs. Gandhi's government was defeated, did not materialise and the payment was never made, he said.

He said the government was in possession of a letter from the unnamed company saying the money would be deposited in a bank in Hong Kong for Mrs. Gandhi. In return the company would be allowed to export 3,000 tonnes of man-made fibre to India, Mr.

Agarwal said.

In the north Indian city of Lucknow, Mrs. Gandhi's son Sanjay was released after spending two nights in jail for protesting against a police ban on a demonstration against the special courts.

The ban was imposed following violence at a similar demonstration in New Delhi led by Mr. Gandhi on May Day when he was arrested and spent two nights in prison.

U.S. scientists claim breakthrough with new multiple-mirror telescope

TUCSON, Arizona, May 9 (R) — A new six-mirrored telescope, third largest in the world and one which scientists say is a breakthrough rivaling the inventions of Galileo, was dedicated today.

The \$9 million telescope stands on top of the 2,600-metre summit of Mount Hopkins in the Santa Rita Mountains, 55 kilometres south of Tucson.

In studying distant galaxies, its radically new concept uses six 182.88-centimetre telescope mirrors that create a light-gathering capability comparable to a single mirror 447.04 centimetres in diameter.

The project is expected to open the way for a new generation of multiple-mirror telescopes larger

than any now in use.

Conventional telescopes have used only one large mirror, but as their size and power increased, the mirrors became too large to make, polish and aim.

Today's formal dedication ceremony of the multiple-mirror telescope, or MMT, caps a ten-year effort by U.S. scientists.

The idea of a multi-mirror telescope emerged at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory in Tucson, and at the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory, which operates the Mount Hopkins telescope.

The only larger optical telescopes are the 200-inch Hale reflector on Mount Palomar in

Los Angeles and a 236-inch telescope in the Crimea in the south-west of the Soviet Union.

Construction of a traditional optical telescope as powerful as the MMT would have cost \$30 million and required a mirror 176 inches in diameter.

Dr. Frank Low, one of the originators of the MMT, said it was a first step towards building telescopes large enough to actually see other planetary systems.

"It can resolve the size, shape and structure of objects previously regarded only as points of light. It opens up a new level of inquiry," according to Dr. Low, a member of the university's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory and of its Steward Observatory.

Aldo Moro's murder unsolved year later

ROME, May 9 (R) — Former Premier Aldo Moro was murdered one year ago today, but no one knows for sure who killed the respected elder statesman and Italy is still living in the shadow of the guerrillas' guns.

The anniversary of Mr. Moro's death was marked by ceremonies throughout the country as Italians recalled the moment his body was found dumped in a car in central Rome. The discovery ended 55 days of drama and tragedy perhaps unparalleled in postwar Italy.

"A year has passed since that terrible day," said Mr. Benigno Zaccagnini, the secretary of Mr. Moro's Christian Democrat Party. "And yet for us today is still May 9, 1978. The wound has not healed, and the emptiness has not been filled."

Mr. Moro, five times Italy's prime minister, was found curled up in the back of a tiny Renault with 11 bullets in his chest. The car had gone unnoticed until a telephone call from his murderers told his family where the body could be found.

In the last month a series of police swoops has picked up guerrillas who may have made the telephone call. Some 40 Red Brigades members are under arrest in connection with the murder but none has been brought to trial.

Nobody knows for certain who planned the kidnap nor who took part in it. Nobody knows where Mr. Moro was held prisoner. Nor why or where he was killed, nor on whose orders.

Since Mr. Moro's death, there have been no more political kidnappings, but 37 Italians have died in guerrilla attacks. At least 65 others have been injured. There is a risk, as a Rome newspaper put it, of "a permanent, endemic state of guerrilla warfare."

By Jeremy Morgan

BRUSSELS — The long-awaited European Monetary System (EMS) has finally come into force, linking most of the currencies in the European Economic Community (EEC). Considering the complexity of the scheme, it has so far jogged along fairly comfortably. Nevertheless, the first month of operation provided at least one major surprise.

The currencies which might have been expected to hold steady as EMS got under way tended to lose out to the currencies belonging to those countries which at the beginning of this year were still decidedly coy about joining EMS.

EEC countries with strong economies and low inflation rates, such as West Germany, saw the value of their currencies against other EMS units drift downwards.

Conversely, at the other end of the scale, EEC countries with wobbly economies and high inflation—most notably Italy—have watched their currencies set the pace at the expense of the traditionally less vulnerable currencies.

Great things are expected of EMS, a complex system of checks and balances designed to achieve stability in exchange rates between the currencies—and provide a currency bloc for protection against fluctuations in other leading currencies such as the U.S. dollar and the Japanese yen.

More ambitiously, those who over the years have carried the torch for a United States of Europe hope that EMS will be the first step towards a common unit of currency for the EEC, which is a

Surprise twist in Europe's 'Supersnake'

very necessary prerequisite.

For the moment at least, such ideas are neither here nor there since Britain, alone among the Nine, has yet to join EMS. Ironically, it now looks as if the British pound would have gained in the long run during the early days of the system. Britain's absence instead has helped create problems for its fellow-members of the Common Market in operating the currency ring.

The underlying intention of the system is to co-ordinate as closely as possible the foreign exchange policies used by central banks controlling individual EMS currencies, so that those currencies do not get too far out of line with each other.

EMS is centred on specific "central" exchange rates set for each of the eight currencies against each of the seven others. (The exception is Italy, permitted a six per cent band because of the lira's inherent instability.) These margins are free to move up or down against one or more of the others—a fluctuation margin.

Most currencies are allowed to trade within a band of 2.25 per cent above and below its fixed "central" exchange rate against each of the other seven. (The exception is Italy, permitted a six per cent band because of the lira's inherent instability.) These margins are free to move up or down against one or more of the others—a fluctuation margin.

Once a currency reaches its "intervention" point, central bank activity is triggered off to prevent it from either rising or falling beyond its EMS limits.

In simple terms, the banks will generally support a currency sitting on its "floor," by buying it in the amount required to restore its parity. A currency bouncing up at its "ceiling" will generally be sold to bring it down.

If just two currencies are involved, then what virtually amounts to a straight swap might take place, with the central banks doing their business in the currency which needs market support.

When the Belgian franc recently slipped to its "floor" against Denmark's krone—or, more accurately, the Danish currency hit its Belgian franc "ceiling"—central banks purchased francs until order was restored.

To date, EMS has got under way without any major mishaps. However, things have not quite turned out the way some foreign exchange observers had thought likely.

In a well-ordered economic world, the Belgo-Danish deal might have worked the other way round, with the franc bumping up against the krone, since Belgium's inflation rate of four per cent is among the best in the EEC, and rather more impressive than Denmark's seven per cent.

Denmark's more evident inflationary weakness might have

The early stages of Europe's long-awaited new Monetary System have already produced one odd paradox—the Common Market countries with the strongest economies and lowest inflation rates have seen the value of their currencies drift downwards against those of the economically weaker members.

been expected to undermine the krone against a currency backed by a more stable economy, such as the Belgian franc. However, such immaculate economic logic has not worked out in EMS so far.

In fact, it had been the Italian lira which has led the way—although Italy's inflation rate of 13 per cent a year is the highest in the EEC. The lira has consistently been at the top of daily EMS fluctuation tables, having before Easter gained around three per cent against the weakest currency in EMS to date, the Belgian franc.

Had it not been for Italy's special six per cent fluctuation margin, there would have been intervention selling of lire already on a substantial scale to bring the Italian currency off the top and back in line.

France, which early this year delayed joining EMS over farm price concessions, principally

German mark.

In addition, money managers have spotted the attractive interest rates which some EMS countries have adopted as part of their monetary and fiscal policies. These tend to be the countries with high inflation rates, where tight credit is required of necessity. Hence the drift towards deposits in these currencies—and strong demand for their traditionally weaker currencies.

Complicating the picture still further has been the absence of sterling. EMS currencies are not only linked by fluctuation margins between each other; they are also linked closely to an artificial EEC currency, the European Currency Unit (ECU), and can only trade within specific limits against ECUs.

Unfortunately for the EMS partners, ECUs are based on a collective value of all nine EEC currencies—and sterling has been trading actively and strongly against virtually all other leading currencies.

Against the ECU, sterling had by Easter advanced by two per cent since the start of EMS alone. But sterling's advance on the foreign exchanges has also helped push the collective value of the ECU upwards, since the pound is an important element of the currency "basket" upon which ECU values are based.

This has had the effect of depreciating the value of some EMS currencies in ECU terms. With the pound remaining outside the sys-

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U.S. Senate committee approves aid for Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved a \$4.3 billion foreign security assistance bill after voting \$100 million emergency aid for Turkey. Turkey needs the money as part of a European effort to help it cope with internal economic problems. Last week, the committee approved a separate \$450 million aid package for Turkey that included \$252 million in military credits and training and \$198 million in economic aid. Before approving the aid bill, the committee also increased military credits for Indonesia from \$35 million to \$45 million and military credits for Malaysia from \$7 million to \$12 million.

FAO reports progress against locust plague

ROME, May 9 (R) — Major progress has been made in beating back a plague of locusts in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East, according to a senior official of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). "Many victories have been won since you last met in November but the war is not yet over," Assistant Director-General D.F.R. Bonner told the agency's Locust Control Committee. "Intensive campaigns along the Red Sea coasts of Sudan and Saudi Arabia in the winter of 1978-79 achieved complete success," he added. In eastern Ethiopia, one of the sources of the plague, some swarms may be on the move but only small locust populations have been reported, he said. In India and Pakistan, excellent desertification programmes prevented a major re-invasion of the two countries by locusts, Mr. Bonner added.

U.S. 'grossly underestimated' inflation rate

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R) — Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal said yesterday the Carter administration had grossly underestimated its budget prediction of a 7.4 per cent inflation rate this year. "It will be at the 8.5 per cent level — perhaps more than that," he told a Senate appropriations subcommittee. Mr. Blumenthal said that the gross national product — total goods and services produced — this year would be about two per cent, perhaps lower. The projected figure was 2.3 to 2.4 per cent. He predicted that "more bad price news is possible in the months to come" but said the administration would not force a recession with high unemployment to force down the inflation rate nor call for mandatory wage and price controls. The administration's voluntary wage and price guidelines were being tightened, he added.

Turkish professor awarded UNESCO prize

PARIS, May 9 (R) — Turkish Professor Mumtaz Soysal of Ankara University was yesterday awarded the first UNESCO prize for human rights teaching. Professor Soysal received a gold medal and cheque for \$2,000 at the Paris headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. He said the award was an honour to his country and to all Turks who fought for human rights.

'Rebel' pro-Palestinian prelate will obey Pope

VATICAN CITY, May 9 (R)—A rebellious pro-Palestinian Catholic prelate from Jerusalem has agreed to obey the Pope and not take actions harmful to Israel, the Vatican said yesterday. Monsignor Hilari Capucci, jailed for 12 years in 1974 by the Israelis for gun-running and released after the personal intervention of Pope Paul VI three years later, made the promises to the Holy See, a spokesman said.

The prelate, formerly patriarchal vicar of Melchite-rite Catholics, gave his assurances after breaking an earlier agreement between the Holy See and Israel that he would not return to the Middle East after his release.

In recent months, he attended a meeting involving the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Damascus and also visited revolutionary leaders in Iran although he was meant to be working in Latin America.

Yesterday's move followed an earlier announcement that Pope John Paul had appointed Monsignor Capucci pastoral visitor to the Greek Catholic (Melchite) communities in Western Europe. Vatican sources said the appointment amounted to a declaration of peace between the Vatican and Monsignor Capucci. "He declared his readiness to accept all that the Pope might decide with respect to him," a Vatican spokesman said.

But Monsignor Capucci declared that his ties to Jerusalem had not been cut forever. "You should note that I am a 'visitor' which means that my post is temporary," declared in an interview. "My ties to Jerusalem are not severed."

However, with sterling now above its theoretical EMS band, some British officials suggest the EMS membership might be the best way to ensure some stability for the pound in the long run. Ironically, one of the British arguments against joining EMS was that the system could overval the pound.

This has evidently happened. EMS or not, with sterling now high, it might now be as difficult and painful for Britain to join EMS late in the day. But seems to have little other choice as a member of the EEC, an EMS founder.

With the mark at low levels, West Germans might well prefer sterling to enter EMS at highest "central" rate possible ensure that the pound does jolt the system too hard should continue to rise.

Ironically, during the months it took France to make its mind to join and Britain decide to stay out, all the currencies expected to take behaved rather as if EMS already in force. It was suspected that EMS central bankers tacitly agreed to try the proposed scheme out while the political haggled over their differences.

Since EMS formally came operation, some wrinkles begun to emerge. But Britain expected to join—however tentatively. That day has yet to come and on current indications unlikely to offer much immediate benefit for either the British or the French.